



November 15
through
December 13
2021

The Literacy Council's Annual Holiday Book Drive

Begins November 15, 2021! The Literacy Council of Frederick County is partnering with Curious Iguana for our Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new books for **children (PreK through 5th grade)**.

While the Literacy Council serves adult literacy needs, providing appealing, age-appropriate books to children fosters literacy at a young age and helps to break the cycle of low literacy in families. The books will be given to parents of children in elementary school who are participating in the Literacy Council's programs. The Literacy Council works directly with the Judy Center and Butterfly Ridge, Hillcrest, Lincoln and Waverley Elementary Schools to provide tutoring at the schools for parents whose children attend these schools, and many of our other students also have young children.

Suggestions for younger grades include: board books, picture books (fiction and nonfiction), early chapter books; and for older grades: mid-grade chapter books, paperback series, graphic novels, and STEM titles.

To participate, you may purchase and donate unwrapped books between **November 15 and December 13** at Curious Iguana (www.curiousiguana.com) in downtown Frederick (12 N. Market St.). You can also shop online through their Bookshop link (<http://bookshop.org/shop/curiousiguana>) and consult their collection of recommended children's titles, or search for any title in the Bookshop, and have books delivered to your home or directly to the Literacy Council. Even though you are shopping online, you will still be supporting a local business. Or you may simply purchase a book and drop it off at the Literacy Council's office at 110 E. Patrick St. no later than December 13.

Donors often like to share a childhood favorite or just encourage the habit of reading in a child. **We request no religious holiday themed books so that we are not limited in distributing them.**

Now in its 15th year, this drive has provided books for multiple local agencies including Centro Hispano, Head Start, Heartly House, the YMCA, the Judy Center, Children of Incarcerated Parents, Blessings in a Backpack, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland and Frederick County Public Schools.

Thank you for sharing the "gift of reading" with a child in need.

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